

## STATISTICAL AND FINANCIAL REPORT — 1956

*For the Information of the Members of the Church*

The First Presidency issued the following statement of items concerning the condition and operation of the Church for the year 1956. The statement will include two sections: First, Statistical Information: and Second, Financial Data.

### I. STATISTICAL INFORMATION

Number of Stakes of Zion, at end of 1956 .....	239
An increase of 15 during the year .....	
Number of Wards .....	1947
Number of Independent Branches .....	263
Total Wards and Independent Branches, at end of year .....	2,210
An increase of 128 during the year .....	
Number of Full-Time Missions at end of year .....	45
An increase of 1 during the year .....	
<i>Church Membership, December 31, 1956:</i>	
In the Stakes .....	1,177,856
In the Missions .....	238,875
Total Membership .....	1,416,731
An increase of 59,457 during the year .....	
<i>Church Growth during 1956:</i>	
Children blessed in Stakes and Missions .....	49,861
Children baptized in Stakes and Missions .....	33,534
Converts baptized in Stakes and Missions .....	25,181
An increase of 3,512 in convert baptisms over the preceding year .....	
<i>Social Statistics:</i>	
(of membership in the Stakes, 1956)	
Birth rate per thousand .....	36.60
Marriage rate per thousand .....	8.52
Death rate per thousand .....	5.27
<i>Priesthood:</i>	
Members holding the Aaronic Priesthood December 31, 1956:	
Deacons .....	64,565
Teachers .....	49,723
Priests .....	63,046
Total number holding Aaronic Priesthood .....	177,334
An increase of 7,523 during the year .....	
Members holding the Melchizedek Priesthood December 31, 1956:	
Elders .....	134,201
Seventies .....	21,260
High Priests .....	39,736
Total number holding Melchizedek Priesthood .....	195,197
An increase of 8,947 during the year .....	
Grand total, members holding Aaronic or Melchizedek Priesthood .....	372,530
<i>Auxiliary Organizations:</i>	
Relief Society (membership) .....	172,722
An increase of 9,209 over the preceding year .....	
Deseret Sunday School Union (Average Attendance of Pupils, Officers and Teachers) .....	478,423
An increase of 14,996 over the preceding year .....	

Saturday, April 6

Second Day

Young Men's Mutual Improvement Association (enrollment) .....	178,918
An increase of 20,299 over the preceding year .....	
Young Women's Mutual Improvement Association (enrollment) .....	174,973
An increase of 23,264 over the preceding year .....	
Primary (Children Enrolled) .....	253,576
An increase of 52,515 over the preceding year .....	

*Welfare Plan:*

Number of persons assisted from Bishops' Storehouses in 1956 .....	63,130
Number placed in remunerative employment during year .....	7,518
Man-days of work donated to the Welfare Plan during year .....	150,033
Unit-days of equipment use donated .....	12,482

*Genealogical Society:*

Number of names cleared and forwarded to the Temples in 1956 for ordinances to be performed .....	748,298
Genealogical records microfilmed in 9 countries during the year were equivalent to 82,084 printed volumes of approximately 300 pages per volume.	

*Temples:*

Number of ordinances performed during 1956 in the 10 operating temples:	
For the living .....	33,139
For the dead .....	2,592,353
Total number of ordinances .....	2,625,492
An increase of 139,998 over the preceding year .....	

*Missionaries:*

Number of missionaries who at the close of 1956 were laboring under calls from the First Presidency in the full-time missions .....	5,103
An increase of 416 during the year .....	
Number of other missionaries laboring at the close of 1956 in the full-time missions .....	1,726
Number engaged in missionary work in the Stakes at the close of the year .....	6,232
Total number of missionaries at end of year .....	13,061
Number of missionaries who received training in the Missionary Home during 1956 .....	2,572
An increase of 162 over the preceding year .....	

*Church School System:*

Total cumulative enrollments in the unified Church School System during the year 1956-1957 .....	64,188
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## II. EXPENDITURES OF THE CHURCH IN 1956

(From Church general funds and from other contributions)

For Missions and Missionary Work .....	\$10,482,511
Not including an estimated \$4,100,000 paid by members and friends for support of missionaries, and not including value of the time given by missionaries.	
For Ward and Stake buildings and activities .....	21,904,676
For construction and operation of Temples .....	2,985,790
For the Church schools .....	10,201,140
For welfare .....	4,863,513
Not including value of donated labor .....	
For buildings and grounds not included elsewhere .....	1,127,089
For Genealogical Society .....	1,188,949
For expenses of the Auxiliary General Boards and of the Primary Children's Hospital .....	512,546
For general administrative expenses of the Church .....	1,740,836
For all other purposes .....	247,821